

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Pastor Dale Simmons, Jasper Springs Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Members: Mayor Don Bethune, Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Lassiter, Councilmember Natalyn Morris, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz and Councilmember Kim Tice. Absent: Councilmember Bessie Kicklighter.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

Formal Public Comment

2020 Census Chatham County Counts Update: Ms. Lizann Roberts and Ms. Tara Jones with the Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition gave an update on the complete count census activities.

Public Hearing

PC1929, Major Subdivision Request: Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive comment on a request by Harold Tessendorf representing property owner Habitat Humanity for preliminary plan review for a major subdivision of Spivey Avenue residential development to be located at Spivey Avenue.

City Marshal gave an overview of the subdivision request. He stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request.

Mr. Tessendorf, Executive Director of Habitat Humanity stated that this development is for four single family units. This will allow us to complete the CHIP grant for eight units. He stated that we already have four units in the Rossignol Hill community.

Mayor Bethune stated that Harold and I serve on the Chatham County Housing Coalition and we have a crisis in our area for affordable housing. Mr. Tessendorf stated that I look forward to growing our partnership to provide affordable housing.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to approve the city council minutes dated 3/2/20 and the workshop synopsis dated 3/9/20. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

Staff Reports:

City Marshal presented the Planning Department's report for the month of February.

City Manager presented the Public Works Department's report for the month of February.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's report for the month of February.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's report for the month of February.

City Manager's Updates & Announcements: City Manager stated that he had no updates or announcements to report.

Items for Consideration

Resolution, Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Consent Order: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Consent Order with the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources setting forth measures to be taken by the City to ensure compliance by the City's water system with the provisions of the Georgia Safe Drinking Act of 1977.

Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

Resolution, City Hall Refinancing: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City, Georgia authorizing, among other things, certain items relating to the refinancing of certain outstanding certificates of participation.

Councilmember Tice made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

Revised FY2020 Garden City Regulatory Fees Schedule: Consideration by the Mayor and Council to approve the revised FY2020 Garden City Regulatory Fees Schedule with an effective date of May 1, 2020.

Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

Adjournment: There being no further items to discuss, Mayor Bethune called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion by Councilmember Morris, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:27 p.m.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: City Council 4/6/20